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# 秘書の

Secretarial work



# 仕事

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Haruto got a big promotion, unheard of in the Kagaya Group, to be the secretary of the 22-year-old vice president, Kagaya Yoshinari, just because he's the childhood friend of the newly-appointed VP.

After 4 years without seeing each other, young Yoshinari grew into a surprisingly fine man. However, inside he's still the same old irritating brat.

Upon their meeting, Yoshinari, using his authority as VP, immediately pursued Haruto to devote him his——virginity!!?

And so it begins, the stormy and seductive tale of secretarial work... ♥



PROFILE



西 萩 緑 里

*Date of Birth: 5th of November*

*Constellation: Scorpio*

*Blood Type: O*

*Resident: Kanagawa Prefecture*

*This is my second tankoubon.*

*I am truly happy!*

*Somehow I can see my whole  
life right before my eyes!*

*Indeed, many good things  
have happened ~*

**AQUA COMIC**

*A book of Midori Nishiogi*

*Please take your time and  
enjoy this book!*

# SECRETARIAL WORK

MIDORI NISHIOGI PRESENTS





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Secretarial Work

# 秘書のお仕事





I'm royally  
pissed



CONGRATU-  
LATIONS  
ON YOUR INAUGU-  
RATION.

I'M  
APPOINTED  
TO BE YOUR  
SECRETARY  
FROM NOW  
ON...

VICE  
PRESIDENT  
KAGAYA.

GOOD  
MORNING,


RAISE  
YOUR  
HEAD.

because  
of  
**HIM**





IT'S BEEN  
4 YEARS.



We haven't seen  
each other in the  
last 4 years and  
he sure has grown  
into one fine man.

WHY! HOW  
COURTEOUS  
OF YOU,  
HARUTO!

PLEASED

PERHAPS  
...

I'M  
UNFIT TO  
BE YOUR  
SECRETARY.

And, yet,  
he's still  
a brat  
inside!

The young  
master of the  
Kagaya Group,  
a conglom-  
erate company,  
Kagaya  
Yoshinari—

who  
was just  
crowned  
the vice  
president  
at a tender  
age of  
22—

**GR** ARE YOU  
KIDDING  
ME? **AB**



I'VE BEEN  
WAITING  
A LONG  
YEARS  
FOR THIS!

YOU THINK  
I'LL LET  
YOU RUN  
AWAY FROM  
ME AGAIN!?

WHOA!!

AFTER I GOT  
ACCEPTED INTO  
MY UNIVERSITY,

I CONFESSED  
TO YOU.

YOU STILL  
REMEMBER,  
DON'T YOU?

Brush

**GLOOM**

I was such  
a fool!

AND THEN  
DISAPPEARED  
TO STUDY  
ABROAD!

ERR—  
...

AVERT



BUT YOU PULLED  
THAT HIGH SCHOOL  
GIRLISH REPLY,  
"LET ME THINK  
ABOUT IT AND  
GET BACK TO  
YOU,"



THANKS FOR  
LEADING ME  
INTO A WILD  
GOOSE CHASE!

LET  
GO  
... PLEASE  
...

I WOULD'VE  
COME AFTER YOU,  
BUT NEITHER YOUR  
DAD OR MY OLD  
MAN WOULD TELL  
ME WHERE YOU  
WENT!



IT TOOK ME  
4 WHOLE  
YEARS TO  
GET YOU  
BACK.

NOW I WON'T  
EVEN WASTE  
ONE SECOND!

YOU'VE EXACTLY  
ONE WEEK TO  
GET YOURSELF  
READY:

**BLUSH**

LET  
ME  
GO!

What...  
are you  
doing!?

TO  
SURRENDER  
YOUR  
VIRGINITY  
TO ME!

DO  
WHATEVER  
YOU NEED  
TO, PREPARE  
YOURSELF!

UNLESS,

YOU'VE  
ALREADY  
DONE IT  
WITH  
SOMEONE  
ELSE?

**GROPE**

WHAT  
???  
!?

**B** STOP

STOP IT,  
YOSHINARI!

**AM**





Yoshinari and  
I are childhood  
friends.

HE HASN'T  
CHANGED  
AFTER ALL!

cheekle

Dammit,  
this has  
got to  
be a  
joke!





Since we  
were kids,

I've been  
Yoshinari's  
companion.

and my dad  
is his chief  
assistant.

Yoshinari's  
father is  
the president  
of this  
company

It's hard  
to imagine  
now, but

when he  
was a kid,  
he couldn't fit  
in so he was  
often alone  
after school.

YOSHINARI-  
KUN IS  
ALWAYS  
ALONE,  
SO  
PLEASE  
TAKE  
CARE  
OF HIM.

HARUTO!

YOSHI-  
NARI-  
SAMA



OKAY!

THEN  
YOSHINARI

SHALL  
WE DO OUR  
HOMEWORK  
TOGETHER?



DON'T  
USE  
"SAMA"!

I'VE  
ALREADY  
TOLD YOU  
TO DROP THE  
HONORIFIC.



HARUTO

I LOVE  
YOU BEST!

And Yoshinari  
had become  
very attached  
to me...

just so  
I could see  
his smile.

I used  
to go to  
his place  
everyday

I think he was  
just confused  
about his  
sentiment.

That's why  
I left!

a life-long  
attachment  
rather than  
genuine feelings!



CHIEF  
TADA  
...



KA-CHAK  
AH,  
KIKUCHI-  
KUN!

I'M GLAD TO  
SEE YOU BACK  
SAFELY FROM  
YOUR FIRST  
MEETING.

秘書室  
second secretary room



YEAH  
...

THOUGH  
I CAN HARDLY  
SAY I'M BACK  
SAFE AND  
SOUND...

IT MUST  
BE NICE TO  
SEE YOUR  
CHILDHOOD  
FRIEND.



PERSONAL...  
INDEED...

Ah...  
haha  
...

YOU TWO  
ARE MUCH  
CLOSER IN  
AGE...



I'M GLAD  
YOU CAME  
BACK  
HERE TO  
WORK.

I'M WAY TOO  
OLD TO BE  
A PERSONAL  
SECRETARY  
FOR THE VICE  
PRESIDENT.



WHO WAS  
HELPING HIM WITH  
THE PROJECTS  
BEFORE HE  
BECAME THE  
KAGAYA VP...?

SURE...  
ER...

HE'S  
GONNA BE  
VERY BUSY  
SO WE'RE  
COUNTING  
ON YOU.

WHY,  
NO ONE!

HE TENDS  
TO DRIVE  
HIMSELF  
TOO HARD,



I can't  
believe  
it...

AFTER HE  
TURNED 20,  
EVERYONE  
BECAME  
INTIMIDATED  
BY HIS  
DRIVE!

HE STARTED  
AS AN INTERN  
WHILE STILL  
IN SCHOOL  
AND WORKED  
UNTIL LATE  
EVERYDAY...

BECOMING  
THE VP  
RIGHT AFTER  
GRADUATION

AND TAKING  
ON MANY NEW  
PROJECTS.



Is he  
really the  
"Yoshinari"  
that used  
to skip class  
all the time  
...?

HE SUBMITTED  
A PROPOSAL  
WHICH EARNED  
HIM A SEAT AS  
VP ALONG WITH  
THE PROFITS—

How about  
home  
work?

Later

Instead  
how about  
a match  
with me



120%



... THAT'S THE SCOPE OF THIS PROJECT.

ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?

YES,

ACCORDING TO THIS GRAPH, THE RATE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR—



Is he really that same person?

He's impressively competent.



TADA, PLEASE SETUP THE MEETING.

LET'S REVIEW THOSE 3 ITEMS TOMORROW.

CASP



This isn't the Yoshinari I used to know...

THAT YOUNG LION IS READY FOR BATTLE

AND I THINK YOU'D BE A VERY EFFECTIVE SECRETARY FOR HIM!

SO DO YOUR BEST!

NO WAY

!?





WHERE  
ARE THE  
DOCU-  
MENTS?



I'M DOING  
SOME FINAL  
REVIEW  
OF THE  
PROPOSAL  
AND TIME  
GOT AWAY  
FROM ME.

YEAH,

What was  
that just  
now?

GOOD  
MORNING  
...

DON'T  
TELL ME,  
YOU WORKED  
HERE ALL  
NIGHT LAST  
NIGHT?



NO,  
HARUTO  
...

YOU NEED  
TO BE

RIGHT  
HERE!

AND...

GRAB



RIGHT  
HERE!

UD

TH





I DON'T  
WANNA!

Um!  
Totally  
like his  
bratty  
self!



PLEASE  
LET GO  
OF ME!

What's  
kinda  
dirty movies  
were you  
watching?

LIKE IN THE  
MOVIES, YOU  
KNOW?

grr  
grr



BLUSH

WHAT  
THE...



As I  
thought,  
he's still  
an idiot  
young  
master  
inside...

YOU'RE  
TOTALLY  
ABUSING YOUR  
AUTHORITY!

NO, I'M  
EXERCISING  
MY  
AUTHORITY!

AND  
YOUR FIRST  
PRIORITY IS  
ME, HARUTO!

!  
This is  
not a  
joke!

IF YOU'RE  
TOO LOUD  
PEOPLE MIGHT  
STILL HEAR  
OUTSIDE.

OH,  
BY THE  
WAY, THIS  
ROOM IS  
SOUND-  
PROOF,  
BUT

WHAT  
PRODUCTIVE?

IT'S YOUR JOB  
TO MAKE ME  
PRODUCTIVE,  
RIGHT? NOW  
SIT STILL.

ARGH!

THIS IS  
THE MOST  
PRODUCTIVE  
POSITION!

FOR ME.

NO  
CAN DO.

If you  
don't want  
me to raise  
my voice  
then,

please  
let me  
go!

Good  
brief!

ALRIGHT!  
BACK TO THE  
SUPPLEMENT  
PROPOSAL  
...

Tak

Tak

...SO,  
ABOUT THE  
SUPPLEMENT  
PROPOSAL....

I still  
couldn't  
believe it!

Watching  
him hard  
at work.

This is  
Yoshinari  
in action...

ALL BUSINESS

WHAT?  
OVER  
ALREADY?

HOW  
STINGY!

Vice  
president!

smirk



YOU CAME  
TO PICK IT  
UP, DIDN'T  
YOU?

! I'M  
LEAVING  
...  
HOW ABOUT  
THE DOCU-  
MENT?

TER



BETTER  
WATCH  
OUT.

IF YOU KEEP  
LOOKING AT  
ME LIKE THAT,  
I MIGHT JUST  
JUMP YOU.

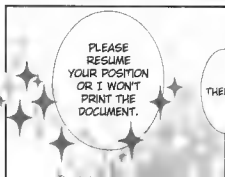


CAN'T EMAIL  
IT, COPY IT,  
OR TAKE IT  
OUTSIDE  
COMPANY  
PREMISES!

NO CAN  
DO.



SEND  
IT BY MAIL!



PLEASE  
RESUME  
YOUR POSITION  
OR I WON'T  
PRINT THE  
DOCUMENT.



I'LL  
WAIT.

PARDON  
MY  
BLINDER  
...

~I'm  
so pissed,  
but...

UHH,

THEN—

DEFEATED



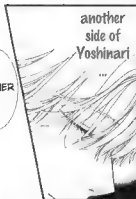
This  
is

GEEZ

THERE IS  
NO NEED  
FOR IDLE  
CHITCHAT!

HARUTO.  
♡

YOU'RE  
HUNDRED  
TIMES CUTER  
WHEN YOU'RE  
OBEDIENT,



another  
side of  
Yoshinari

...

EARLIER  
...

CHIEF TADA  
TOLD ME ABOUT  
THE NEW  
PROJECTS.



click



I'M  
GLAD

TO BE  
PART OF  
THIS.

Ah,

he hides  
his face

And  
then,

SQUEEZE

I've only  
praised him  
and he's so  
embarrassed.

squeeze

He's  
actually  
shy!

THE LAST TIME  
I HELD YOU LIKE  
THIS WAS BACK IN  
MIDDLE SCHOOL,  
REMEMBER?

HOW I  
MISS YOUR  
SCENT...  
HARUTO!

YOSHI-  
NARI...

Huh?

IS THAT  
WHY YOU  
SUDDENLY  
SHUN ME?

WERE YOU  
HIDING YOUR  
FEELINGS  
FOR ME?

AND THEN,  
AFTER I  
ENTERED  
HIGH SCHOOL,  
YOU BECAME  
ON GUARD  
WITH ME!

**THWACK**

Argh ...

You  
can wait  
till hell  
freezes  
over!!

You  
idiot!

Say  
what  
~~~~!?

YOU ONLY  
HAVE SIX  
MORE DAYS  
TO WAIT.  
♥

YOU  
SHOULD'VE  
KNOWN  
THAT YOU'RE  
DESTINED TO  
BE MINE.

SINCE  
WE WERE  
KIDS,

We've  
been  
apart for  
4 years  
...

yet he acts  
like we were  
never separated...

Who the hell  
does he think  
he is~~~~!?

第二秘書室  
The second secretary room

DO YOU  
HAVE THE  
DOCUMENT  
?

KIKUCHI-  
KUN,











SO WE  
DISCREETLY  
SET UP  
A TRAP.

I CAN'T PROVE  
IT UNLESS  
I CATCH HIM  
RED-HANDED!  
PLUS, WE DON'T  
WANT TO RUIN  
OUR COMPANY'S  
REPUTATION.



BUT...  
IT COULD  
POTENTIALLY  
BE A BIG  
PROBLEM!

JUST  
IRRITATING.

IT'S NOT  
THAT BIG  
OF A  
PROBLEM,



HE'LL THINK  
THAT HE'S  
STEALING  
INFORMATION  
FROM YOU BUT  
IN FACT YOU'RE  
LEAKING FALSE  
INFORMATION  
TO LURE HIM.

THIS IS  
ONE OF THE  
REASONS I  
CALLED YOU  
BACK TO  
HELP ME.

THAT SNEAKY  
RAT WILL BE  
SORRY TO  
TAKE ME  
LIGHTLY.

...  
TRAP?



*chuckle*

YOU'RE  
A SOFTY  
MOST OF  
THE TIME,  
YET YOU  
COULD BE  
DOWN RIGHT  
SCARY!

JUST AS I  
THOUGHT,  
IHARUTO,

I'LL DO  
ANYTHING  
TO HELP!



I'M  
TOTALLY  
SERIOUS.

I'M NOT  
JOKING.

...NOW ISN'T  
THE TIME FOR  
JOKES, YOU  
KNOW.

YOU'RE  
SUCH A  
PARADOX  
THAT I  
CAN'T  
RESIST  
WANTING  
YOU.

WILL YOU  
HELP ME  
EASE MY  
HUNGER?

smile

**GRIND**

IF IT  
WEREN'T  
FOR THE  
PROMISE  
I MADE,

I  
WOULD'VE

CANCELLED  
ALL MY  
MEETINGS  
JUST TO HAVE  
MY HARLITO  
UNDER—

ST...

VICE  
PRESI-  
DENT...

WOULD I  
BE THIS  
HARD LIKE  
A BRAT  
OVER A  
JOKE?

CAN'T  
YOU  
FEEL  
IT?

CLAT

STOP  
IT,

YOSHI-  
NARI!

TEX

LIKE  
I SAID,

YOU STILL  
HAVE TWO  
MORE DAYS.

WHEN  
THE TIME  
COMES,  
HARUTO,

YOU CAN  
NO LONGER  
DODGE ME.

!

COULD  
YOU PLEASE  
CALL THE  
CHIEF?

NOW, ABOUT  
THE RAT  
EXTER-  
MINATION,

第 秘書室

The second secretary room

CHIEF  
TADA,

ABOUT  
THE  
SCHEDULE  
FOR THIS  
AFTER-  
NOON...

WHAT  
DO YOU  
THINK?

IT'S  
A VERY  
SIMPLE  
PLAN:

WE'LL TELL  
EVERYONE  
THAT WE'RE  
GOING  
OFF-SITE  
FOR A TOP  
SECRET  
MEETING  
AFTER 1:00.

AFTER THE  
LUNCH MEETING,  
WE'LL GO  
STRAIGHT TO  
OUR OFF-SITE  
MEETING.

WE'LL  
MEET  
THERE.

YOU'VE  
ARRANGED  
A CAR TO  
PICK US UP,  
RIGHT?

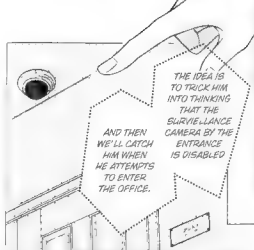
THEY  
MIGHT  
NOT  
BE UP  
FOR THE  
REST OF  
TODAY.

THEY'RE  
DISABLING  
THE CAMERA  
FOR 2 HOURS  
FOR MAINTE-  
NANCE.

ALL THE  
DOORS TO THE  
EXECUTIVE  
OFFICES ARE  
UNDER SUR-  
VEILLANCE

BY THE WAY,  
PLEASE LOCK  
THE CORRIDOR  
DOOR LEADING  
TO THE VICE  
PRESIDENT'S  
OFFICE.

WHY?



THE IDEA IS  
TO TRICK HIM  
INTO THINKING  
THAT THE  
SURVEILLANCE  
CAMERA BY THE  
ENTRANCE  
IS DISABLED

AND THEN  
WE'LL CATCH  
HIM WHEN  
HE ATTEMPTS  
TO ENTER  
THE OFFICE.



UNDER-  
STOOD.

I'LL TAKE  
CARE OF  
THE LOCK.



...ISN'T IT  
OVERLY  
SIMPLE?

THAT'S WHY  
WE HAVEN'T  
CAUGHT HIM.

He won't  
pass up this  
opportunity

YES, BUT  
HE'S BEEN  
VERY  
CAUTIOUS  
BECAUSE  
OF THE  
CAMERAS.



WE  
MUSTN'T  
LET OUR  
GUARDS  
DOWN!

THERE-  
FORE,  
KIKUCHI-  
KUN,

...WHAT IF  
SOMETHING  
GOES  
WRONG!

RIGHT  
RIGHT—

I BET WE'LL  
CATCH HIM IN  
ACTION ON  
TAPE DURING  
THOSE  
2 HOURS!



WE'VE  
INSTALLED  
HIDDEN CAMERAS  
INSIDE MY OFFICE.



I THINK HE'S  
MAD BECAUSE  
HIS SUBORDINATE  
WAS PROMOTED.

THE PERSON  
I SUSPECT HAS  
NO CRIMINAL  
RECORD AND  
HE HAS GOOD  
ATTITUDE.

AMATEUR  
...?

BUT  
DON'T  
WORRY,  
HE SEEMS  
LIKE AN  
AMATEUR.  
  
EVEN  
THOUGH  
WE  
STILL  
DON'T  
KNOW  
HIS  
MOTIVE.



ANYWAY,  
THE SOONER  
WE TAKE  
CARE OF  
THIS, THE  
SOONER  
WE'LL FEEL  
BETTER.

I know it  
at least I would

HE  
PROBABLY  
COULDN'T  
STOMACH  
BEING  
PASSED  
OVER FOR A  
PROMOTION.

?  
What is he  
thinking!

THIS WOULD  
RUIN HIS  
CAREER FOR  
THE REST OF  
HIS LIFE...



DON'T  
WORRY,  
I CAN  
HANDLE  
THIS!

VICE  
PRESIDENT!  
I DON'T  
THINK THAT'S  
A GOOD  
IDEA...

I'LL WALK IN  
MY OFFICE  
PRETENDING  
I JUST GOT  
BACK EARLY  
FROM MY LUNCH  
MEETING.

WHEN YOU  
TWO SPOT  
HIM ON THE  
MONITOR  
SNOOPING  
AROUND,





CHIEF  
TADA...

THE I.T.  
PEOPLE  
AREN'T  
TYPICALLY  
THE VIOLENT  
TYPE.

DON'T  
WORRY,

Yoshi-  
nari

BESIDES,  
I'VE THE  
AUTHORITY  
TO FIRE HIM  
ON THE SPOT  
WITHOUT ANY  
QUESTION.

SO WHAT  
CAN GO  
WRONG?



I hear  
you loud  
and clear!

DO YOU  
COPY,  
SIR?

HE'S  
RIGHT  
OUTSIDE  
THE  
OFFICE  
...

SPEAK  
OF THE  
DEVIL,



AH!

SO HE  
WANTS TO  
HURRY UP  
AND GET  
THIS DONE  
...

I BELIEVE  
IT'S BECAUSE  
HE'S BEHIND  
WITH HIS JOB

He's  
moving a  
lot sooner  
than I  
expected.



OH NO...

HE HAS A KNIFE!

CLATTER

There's an intruder in the vice president's office, dispatch now!!

Roger that!

....Huh?

He's gone!

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**SMACK**



WHAT

WHY,  
HARUTO?

YOU  
SHOULD  
KNOW  
WHY,

YOU  
IDIOT!



SHUT  
OFF THE  
MONITOR  
TO THIS  
ROOM

TADA,

AND  
TAKE  
CARE  
OF THE  
REST!



Roger  
that!



Uh...  
wah!

YOU'RE WAY  
TOO CUTE,  
HARUTO!

**GRAB**

I SORRY,  
BUT I CAN'T  
WAIT FOR  
ANOTHER  
2 DAYS.

I MUST  
HAVE YOU  
RIGHT  
NOW!

WHAT!?

YOSHI-  
NARI!

I'm  
SORRY.

BUT I  
CAN'T  
STOP!

Stop...  
stop  
it!

You're  
wrong  
...

HARUTO  
...



Uhn  
...

Nnn

Nnngh!

Limp





IT'S  
NOT  
...

YOUR  
FEELINGS  
TOWARD  
ME

IS NOT  
LOVE...!



WHAT?  
THAT'S  
...

THEN, WHAT  
DO YOU CALL  
THIS HARD-ON?

?  
I LOVE YOU,  
HARUTO!

NO,  
YOU  
DON'T!

THIS  
IS NOT  
"LOVE"!



I COULDN'T  
LEAVE YOUR SIDE  
BECAUSE YOU  
WERE SO CUTE...  
BUT I MUST  
LET YOU GO...



...THAT'S  
BECAUSE  
YOU WERE  
ALWAYS WITH  
ME WHEN YOU  
WERE A KID!







YOSH-  
INARI

...

HOW  
SERIOUS  
I AM ABOUT  
YOU!

...DO  
YOU  
SEE  
NOW?

SO  
PLEASE

...



WHEN  
I COULD  
SURPASS  
YOU

I VOWED  
THAT I  
WOULD  
HAVE YOU  
IN MY  
ARMS

WITH MY  
ACHIEVE-  
MENTS...

TO GET YOUR  
RECOGNITION,  
I DROVE MYSELF  
HARD IN THE  
LAST 4 YEARS.



BOTH  
AT WORK  
AND IN  
BED!

I  
GUARANTEE  
YOU'LL BE  
SATISFIED

REST  
ASSURED  
AND BE  
MINE!



I LOVE  
YOU!



Now, I've  
another  
reason to  
be pissed!

I'M  
SORRY,  
HARUTO!  
♡

YOU WERE  
SO CLUTE  
I COULDN'T  
HOLD  
MYSELF  
BACK.

...I  
CAN'T  
MOVE!

YOU DON'T  
HAVE TO  
WORRY ABOUT  
WORK, JUST  
TAKE YOUR  
TIME AND  
REST UNTIL  
TONIGHT.

He shows  
no sign of  
remorse!

Man!  
I'm so  
pissed—

BUT OF  
COURSE,


WHEN NIGHT  
COMES, I'LL  
DRIVE MYSELF  
TO BEST  
SATISFY  
YOU!

**END**



HAVE  
A DREAMY  
BIRTHDAY,  
SD!!!

YOURS, FS STAFFS



HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
SD!!

WISHING YOU ANOTHER  
WONDERFUL YEAR OF  
HAPPINESS AND LOTS  
OF SURPRISES!!

FROM THE  
WHOLE FS STAFF



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**~ Story 2 - Maybe This is Fate ~**

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my one-week  
new employee  
training has  
come to an  
end.

NOW, WE  
WILL ANNOUNCE  
YOUR ASSIGNED  
DEPARTMENT  
BY THE HR  
DIRECTOR.

ALL OF YOU  
ARE NOW A  
FULL-TIME  
EMPLOYEES,  
SO PLEASE  
DO YOUR  
BEST.

THIS  
CONCLUDES  
YOUR NEW  
EMPLOYEE  
TRAINING.

MEETING ROOM

In the  
sakura-  
blooming  
April.

Maybe This  
is Fate

I was hoping  
to be assigned  
to the Planning  
Department,  
but...

Today is the  
last day of  
training and  
also the day  
my fate will  
be decided!

Central Planning  
is a mid-size  
advertising  
agency. I'm one  
of the new  
employees.



THIS IS  
IT...

THUMP  
THUMP

Here it  
comes!

THUMP

MINAMI  
KAZUNORI,

YOU'RE  
ASSIGNED  
TO THE MAIN  
OFFICE SALES  
DEPARTMENT 3,  
SECTION 2.

Eh...?





# Maybe This is Fate

ERRR—!!

DEPARTMENT 3  
MAINLY HANDLES  
CLIENT FROM  
OKIBE TECHNICAL  
RESEARCH  
INSTITUTE

AND  
SECTION 2  
IS IN CHARGE  
OF ALL THE  
COMMODITY  
CONNECTIONS  
FROM THAT  
GROUP.



DOESN'T  
OUR  
COMPANY  
HAVE ITS  
OWN DESIGN  
GROUP?

HUH?  
AN OUT-  
SOURCE  
OFFICE  
...

Looks like  
I'll be working  
to the bone—

ANYWAY,  
I WANT  
TO SHOW  
YOU OUR  
OUTSOURCE  
DESIGN  
OFFICE.

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT?  
IT'S ONLY  
6 O'CLOCK.

AH,  
SURE  
...

WE DO,  
BUT WE'RE  
QUITE WEAK  
AT PACKAGE  
DESIGN.  
BESIDES,  
THE DEMAND  
IS TOO LARGE...  
FOR OUR INTERNAL  
OFFICE TO HANDLE  
ALONE.

OOH...  
I'VE SEEN  
THIS COMPANY'S  
DESIGNS BEFORE,  
AND FIND THEM  
QUITE INTERESTING.

**&PD**  
&Product design

HE'S QUITE  
GOOD AT GIFT  
PACKAGES AND  
OTHER NOVELTY  
ITEMS.

SUDOU-SAN  
IS AN  
AMAZING  
DESIGNER.

Designer,  
huh?

**Kchak**

GOOD  
EVENING,  
WE'RE FROM  
CENTRAL  
PLANNING—

IS THAT SO?  
THEN YOU'RE  
IN LUCK, YOU  
CAN REALLY  
LEARN A LOT  
FROM HIM.



I wonder  
how he's  
like—?

AH,  
SUGIYAMA-SAN!

YAMASHITA-  
SAN,  
WELCOME!

THANKS,  
SUGIYAMA-  
SAN!



Whoa...

YO,

YAMASHITA!





Whoa! Such  
intensity



...This is  
so unfair!

Not only he's  
tall, he has cool,  
piercing eyes  
and manly  
features!



I really  
don't want  
to stand  
next to him.

He's  
definitely  
the type  
I don't wanna  
associate with...

On the  
other hand,  
I'm short and  
with a baby  
face!

Oi,  
MINAMI,

CARD!

HUH?



Ohhhhh  
IT'S  
ALRIGHT!

PARDON  
ME.

HASTILY

I was  
laughed  
at!

FROM NOW  
ON, HE'LL BE  
YOUR MAIN  
CONTACT.

INFERIORITY  
COMPLEX!!

PLEASE TAKE  
GOOD CARE  
OF ME.

AH, YES.

OH, BY THE  
WAY, ABOUT  
THE WINE  
LABEL THE  
OTHER DAY  
...

THE DRAFTS  
ARE DONE...

THEN, I'LL  
PICK THEM  
UP.

WAAAAH

I'm so  
embar-  
rassed!

I'm glad  
they  
changed  
the topic.

Even  
so—

This is really  
amazing! There  
are so many  
eye-catching  
design packages  
displayed here.

Some are  
even in my  
household!

So...

this is the  
person I'll  
be working  
with...

Sudou-  
san...

Heart  
collection

ban  
also  
19-

Design

db

noel



This is how he's like—



SHEESH

I guess

this is all  
for the sake  
of keeping  
this job—



ER—  
WHA?

THIS IS  
ALSO  
PART  
OF  
YOUR  
DUTY  
AS A  
NEWBIE

NOW,  
NOW,  
DON'T  
CRY!

Wahahaha

AND YOU CAN  
LEARN A LOT  
FROM HIM. PLUS  
HIS OFFICE IS  
SO CLOSE, YOU'LL  
BE COMING HERE  
FREQUENTLY.

ONCE YOU  
GET PASSED  
HIS BLUNT  
ATTITUDE,  
YOU'LL FIND  
SUDOU-SAN  
DOES AN  
EXCELLENT  
JOB!

SO DO  
YOUR  
BEST!



YOU CAN  
GO HOME  
AFTER YOU  
DROP OFF  
THE DRAFT  
TO HIKINO  
FROM THE  
DESIGN TEAM.

GOOD!  
I'M  
TAKING  
OFF  
THEN  
...

YOU  
CAN  
COUNT  
ON ME  
...

Sudou-san is the  
same age as  
Yamashita-san,  
that must be why  
they can talk  
together so  
easily.

Again,  
Sudou-san  
is such an  
amazing  
person.

know more  
about him...

I really  
want to





That was  
easier  
said and  
done!



SILENCE—

This is so  
awkward!



MY  
SCHEDULE  
LOOKS

WHOA!

Our  
talks are  
strictly  
business!

WHEN  
SHOULD WE  
SCHEDULE THE  
PRESENTATION  
...?

THANK  
YOU  
VERY  
MUCH.

OH,

fidget

However,  
facing such  
an anti-social  
opponent, I've  
no openings.

Indeed,  
there were  
a lot of  
opportunities  
due to all  
the errands  
I've been  
doing.

OKAY,  
I'M DONE  
CHECKING  
THIS.

flop

THAT  
CASE  
...

Blush

...  
HUH?

IT'S  
FINE.

I-I'M SO  
SORRY!

Whoa!  
I'm such  
a klutz!

HMM—

OH THAT,  
I GOT IT  
FROM A  
COFFEE  
PRIZE.  
THE SIZE IS  
JUST RIGHT  
AND IT'S SO  
WELL-MADE  
THAT I DECIDED  
TO KEEP IT.

BECAUSE  
I'M THE  
ONE WHO  
DESIGNED  
IT.

HUH  
...?

SPEAKING  
OF WHICH,  
SUZUKI-SAN,  
YOUR DESIGN IS  
SIMILAR;

FUNCTIONAL  
AND OF  
HIGHEST  
QUALITY!

OF  
COURSE,  
IT IS.



OH MY,  
THAT  
CASE...

HEY, WHAT'S  
GOING ON?  
WHY ARE YOU  
LAUGHING  
SO HARD?

MINAMI-KUN  
GOT IT AS  
A PROMO  
PRIZE AND  
HE TOOK A  
LIKING TO IT.

AAH! SO  
THAT'S WHAT  
IT IS—?

YOU HAVE  
GREAT  
TASTE!



OH, REALLY?  
THEN, IT MUST  
BE HARD FOR  
YOU TO FIND  
SOMETHING  
YOU LIKE

YES, I  
REALLY  
LIKE IT!  
ESPECIALLY  
THE FEEL  
OF THE  
MATERIAL  
...

SINCE GOOD  
THINGS ARE  
OFTEN PRICEY.

Wow,  
he's totally  
relaxed  
now.

YES,  
INDEED  
YOU'RE  
RIGHT.

In fact,  
this is our  
first real  
conversation

Ehh—!?



a card case with the same material!



Does that  
mean

he  
acknowledges  
me?

Not just as  
a mere lackey  
but as his  
mediator



ALRIGHT

I'LL KEEP  
DOING MY  
BEST—!



HE'S  
INSIDE,  
COME  
ON IN.

IS  
SUDOU-SAN  
IN?

AAAAA,  
A LITTLE  
BIT.

GOOD  
MORNING,  
I'M FROM  
CENTRAL  
PLANNING.



MINAMI-KUN,  
YOU'RE HERE.  
HAVE YOU  
GOTTEN THE  
HANG OF YOUR  
JOB YET?

After  
that,

I go to  
Sudou-san's  
office  
almost  
everyday.

He has a lot  
of projects,  
so I come over  
all the time.



Thanks to that, everyone in the office gets to know my face.

And for Sudou-san

I'M HERE TO RETURN THE SAMPLE YOU GAVE ME THE OTHER DAY...

EXCUSE ME,



YO...



HUH?

...  
WELL, HE SAID

AH... DID HIKINO SAY ANYTHING?

HERE'S THE SAMPLE YOU GAVE ME THE OTHER DAY.

GOOD MORNING,



WITHOUT  
A MIRROR,  
I COULDN'T  
TIE IT BACK  
PROPERLY.

in those  
unguarded  
moments

And I got to  
glimpse the  
real him

A  
MIRROR?  
For what?

THANK YOU;  
SORRY FOR  
MAKING YOU  
LINTIE IT.

NO PROBLEM...  
UM, DO YOU  
HAVE A MIRROR  
I CAN BORROW?

When  
Sudou-san  
is relaxed,

GO AHEAD  
AND LAUGH!

You need  
a mirror...  
to fasten  
your tie...?

Chuckle

he's quite  
talkative.

NO NEED  
TO RESTRAIN  
YOURSELF  
ON MY  
ACCOUNT.

You're still  
not used  
to wearing  
a suit.

ER?  
REALLY?

...YOU LOOK  
A BIT TIRED.

when he  
makes fun  
of me.

TIGHTEN





BUT I ONLY  
STARTED A  
MONTH AGO,  
I CAN'T MAKE  
THOSE EXCUSES!

YOU NEED TO  
SLOW DOWN  
AND TAKE  
PROPER  
CARE OF  
YOURSELF.

I SEE,  
BUT IT'S NOT  
WORTH WORKING  
YOURSELF TO  
EXHAUSTION.

It has been  
quite busy and  
I've so work  
even during  
weekends.

WELL, I'M STILL  
GETTING USED TO  
BEING A WORKING  
ADULT AND THE  
CHANGE OF  
ENVIRONMENT...

FINE,

WHY DON'T  
YOU TAKE SOME  
SHUT-EYE HERE?  
JUST TELL THEM  
YOU'RE IN  
A MEETING.

Thank  
you  
very  
much!

Then Can I  
tell my company  
that we're  
having a 5-hour  
meeting?

HEY!

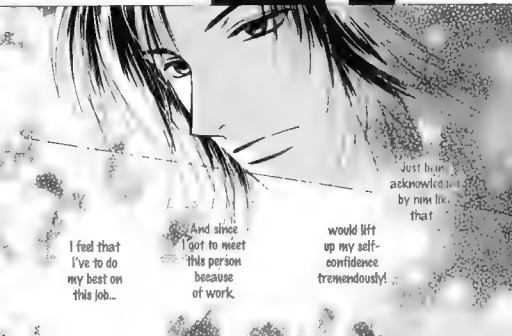
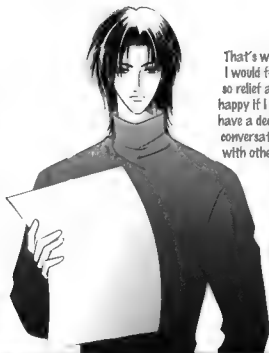
IT HAS TO  
BE WITHIN  
REASONS!

...He's  
really  
a nice  
person.

I'm always  
afraid of  
strangers.

especially  
with  
Sudou-san.

That's why  
I would feel  
so relief and  
happy if I just  
have a decent  
conversation  
with others.



Just being  
acknowledged  
by him lifts  
that

I feel that  
I've to do  
my best on  
this job...

And since  
I got to meet  
this person  
because  
of work,

would lift  
up my self-  
confidence  
tremendously!



PHEW...  
I'M BEAT!

YEAH,  
WE DID  
WELL  
TODAY!

THANK GOD,  
THAT'S FINALLY  
DONE!



GOOD  
WORK  
TODAY!



I'LL BE  
GOING  
NOW!



PLEASE  
TAKE  
CARE!



What?

I didn't  
get to eat  
anything  
during the  
reception.

YEAH!

I'M  
STARVING,  
LET'S GO  
SOMEWHERE  
FOR DINNER!



OH?

ER, I'M  
SORRY  
BUT...

DO YOU  
MIND IF I TAKE  
MY LEAVE?



REMEMBER,  
THE PRESENT-  
ATION IS THE  
DAY AFTER  
TOMORROW,  
UNTIL THEN YOU  
BETTER NOT  
COLLAPSED  
ON US.

ARGH,  
I'M SO  
TIRED!

THANK YOU.  
I'LL TAKE  
MY LEAVE  
THEN.

As  
expected  
of the  
chief.



SURE!  
YOU'VE  
ONLY JUST  
STARTED  
A MONTH  
AGO,

PLEASE  
GO HOME  
AND REST  
WELL!

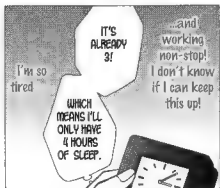
SO YOU  
MUST BE  
REALLY  
TIRED.

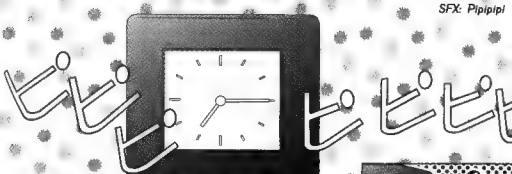


and so  
sleepy...

All I want  
is to sleep  
for a long  
time...

Long time...





Oh no...  
now I open  
my eyes,

My suit  
is all  
wrinkled!

I realize I went  
to bed with my  
suit on!



It's  
already  
morning...



My body is  
sluggish,

and my  
head is  
heavy.

In  
short,  
I feel  
sick!

I'd better  
take some  
medicine.



On top  
of that  
...



My office  
turned into  
a war zone!

6

**Bustle**

AND  
TAKE CARE  
OF THE  
INCOMING  
CALLS.

PLEASE  
FILE  
ALL THE  
DOCUMENTS  
OVER  
THERE!

YOU'RE  
LATE!

**Bustle**

YOU  
DON'T  
KNOW  
ANYTHING  
ABOUT  
THIS?

ONCE  
YOU'RE  
DONE,  
PLEASE  
CHECK  
THIS ONE!

IS THIS  
ONE  
DONE?

GOOD...  
MORNING...

I thought  
I was already  
busy before,  
but that was  
nothing  
compared  
to this!

I'm  
starting  
to feel  
dizzy—

**HASSLE HASSLE**

YES!

PLEASE  
MAKE A  
COPY OF  
THESE...

MINAMI,  
PLEASE  
TAKE CARE  
OF THIS AS  
WELL!

IS THE  
COVER  
READY?

GO GET THE  
SAMPLE FROM  
SUDOU-SAN'S  
AND THEN YOU  
CAN GO HOME.

We'll take  
the polaroid  
tomorrow  
so bring it to  
the studio!

THANKS FOR  
YOUR HARD  
WORK!

THEN  
NEXT  
IS...

**Wobble**

Everyone  
is really  
cough!

THERE'S...  
MORE?

OH...

I'M  
FINALLY  
DONE...



OH...  
ALL  
RIGHT!

I'll see you  
tomorrow—!

If  
there's  
nothing  
else,

Got it,  
I'm heading  
there right  
now!

MUST BE  
NICE TO BE  
YOUNG...

HE'S PERKY,  
ISN'T HE?



TO COLLECT  
THE SAMPLE  
!

I'M  
HERE

NOT TO WORRY.  
AFTER I'M  
DONE HERE,  
I'M GOING  
STRAIGHT HOME  
AND SLEEP.

Atakaha

ARE YOU  
GETTING  
ENOUGH  
SLEEP? YOU  
LOOK TOO  
PALE!

Oh...

SO CAN  
I HAVE THE  
SAMPLE...?

ARE YOU  
SURE YOU'RE  
ALRIGHT...?  
MAKE SURE YOU  
DON'T BREAK  
IT!



Well, that's  
fine by me!

That would  
actually make  
it easier for  
me.

Plus, I get  
a chance to  
talk with Sudou-san  
some more until  
it's done...



WHILE I PACK  
THIS SO IT  
WON'T BREAK  
NO MATTER  
HOW YOU  
HANDLE IT!

WAIT  
RIGHT  
THERE

ER—?

HOLDS TIGHTLY

I'LL HANDLE  
IT WITH EXTRA  
CARE!

I  
PROMISE  
NOT TO  
BREAK  
IT!

I CAN  
HARDLY  
TRUST YOU  
IN YOUR  
PRESENT  
CONDITION!



...Huh?

Aaah...

Something feels  
soft and fluffy!

It feels  
so nice...



WAKE UP,  
YOU TWO!

IT'S  
ALREADY  
MORNING—

♪

EH?

blink

EHHH

SORRY FOR  
INTERRUPTING  
YOUR LOVEY-  
DOVEY MOMENT.

Argh...  
go  
sleepy..

HOWEVER,  
TODAY IS THE  
DAY YOU HAVE  
TO HAND IN  
YOUR WORK!

BOLTS  
UP





YOU  
COULD'VE  
JUST  
WOKEN  
ME UP.

I'M REALLY  
SORRY FOR  
TROUBLING  
YOU.

ER,  
SUGITA-  
SAN?

YES?

*Ahahaha*

ACTUALLY,



BUT  
YOU WERE  
SLEEPING  
SO SOUNDLY,  
MINAMI-KUN.

SUDOU-SAN  
WAS ABOUT  
TO WAKE YOU  
UP LAST  
NIGHT,



Wah—

For some  
reason...  
I'm feeling  
really  
NERVIOUS

I was  
so sur-  
prised!

When  
I opened  
my eyes  
and saw  
his face  
up close,



HE DIDN'T  
HAVE THE  
HEART TO  
WAKE YOU  
UP.



SORRY  
FOR THE  
WAIT, IT'S  
YOUR TURN.

Sudou-san  
did...  
that?

*KCHAK*

ISN'T  
THAT NICE  
OF HIM?

SO, SUDOU-SAN  
DECIDED, "I STILL  
HAVE SOME WORK  
TO FINISH UP.  
I'LL STAY OVER."



THANK YOU  
FOR LETTING  
ME USE YOUR  
BATHROOM!

UM,  
NOTHING!  
NOTHING  
AT ALL!

LIH,  
OKAY...

BBI

SH



WHO  
KNOWS?

giggle  
giggle

KCHAK

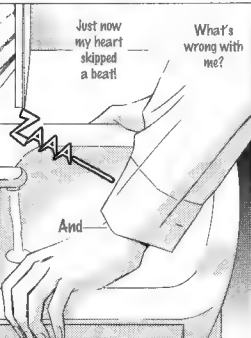
WHAT'S  
THAT ABOUT?



What  
was that  
"thump"?

WHAT'S  
WRONG?

HUH?



Just now  
my heart  
skipped  
a beat!

What's  
wrong with  
me?

And



What  
was that  
"thump"?

WHAT'S  
WRONG?

HUH?



THUMP

What  
was that  
"thump"?

WHAT'S  
WRONG?

HUH?



what's  
with this

blushing  
face?



...WASN'T  
IT?

...IT WAS  
JUST MY  
IMAGINA-  
TION...



THUMP

DID YOU FIND  
THE TOWEL  
ALRIGHT?

It doesn't mean  
that I'm attracted  
to him like  
Yamashita-san  
teased me  
about...

Calm down! It's just  
because Sudou-san  
is so handsome  
and so nice that  
I couldn't help  
being taken aback!

MINAMI?

knock  
knock

THAT  
MUST  
BE IT!

**THERE GOES  
THAT THEORY  
OUT THE  
WINDOW!**

Somehow...



**DASH**

TO  
KEEP  
YOU  
WAITING!

SORRY

**DASH**



OI,  
DON'T TELL  
ME YOU'RE  
FEELING SICK?

Crap,  
not  
again!

NO!

I'M TOTALLY  
FINE! IN FACT,  
I'M ALREADY  
DONE!

ARE  
YOU  
SURE?

YES!



Anyway,

this is just  
a moment of  
insanity





YOU CALL THAT  
BREAKFAST!?  
YOU NEED TO  
EAT BETTER!

OH,  
I USUALLY  
ONLY HAVE  
COFFEE FOR  
BREAKFAST.

THERE'S A  
DINER NEARBY  
THAT SERVES  
REALLY GOOD  
BREAKFAST.

THEN  
LET'S  
GO!

I sense  
real danger  
ahead...

**END**



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# Maybe This Is Fate's Prank

I've this  
unidentified  
throbbing  
since April...

& P

& Product des

GOOD  
MORNING!

kchak

I'm Minami  
Kazunori,  
a newbie sale-  
mans at an  
advertising  
agency.

THIS IS  
MINAMI  
FROM  
CENTRAL  
PLANNING!

...  
MINAMI  
...

AH,  
SUDOLI-SAN,  
PLEASE  
WAKE UP!

this is our  
indispensable  
packaging  
designer,

And,

who  
is also

Sudou-  
san...

YOU...

I DO REALIZED THAT  
IT WAS 10 MINUTES  
BEFORE 9 BUT HE  
DIDN'T HAVE TO YELL  
AT ME LIKE THAT!

THAT WAS  
QUITE AN  
UPROAR,  
WASN'T IT,  
MINAMI-KUN?

Aha  
ha  
ha!

the culprit  
of my  
throbbing  
heart!

BESIDES,  
IT'S NOT LIKE  
10 MORE  
MINUTES  
WOULD MAKE  
MUCH  
DIFFERENCE.

After all,  
I am a  
client.

Don't  
wake me  
up before  
the alarm  
clock,

You  
idiot!

Therefore,  
those  
10 minutes  
is more  
valuable  
than your  
life!

B  
O  
N  
K

So noisy,  
I didn't get  
to sleep until  
6 o'clock this  
morning!

OUCH!

ANNOYED

He—  
he seems  
pissed  
off!

SO, WHAT'S  
YOUR  
BUSINESS  
TODAY?

AHAMA,  
IT'S NOTHING  
IMPORTANT,  
REALLY!

I JUST CAME  
TO RETURN THE  
ACCESSORIES WE  
BORROWED FOR  
THE PHOTO-SHOOT  
YESTERDAY.

To see  
such a  
beautiful  
face turn  
angry is  
so scary!

Nothing  
important!?

So... you  
woke me up  
so early in  
the morning  
just for  
that...?

FLING

THUMP

THUMP

NO!

OF  
COURSE  
NOT!

JOLT

BAM

THIS IS  
THE NEXT  
PROJECT!

HERE!

YAMASHITA  
TOLD ME  
TO DELIVER  
IT TO YOU  
EARLY!

THEN,  
HURRY UP  
AND HAND  
IT OVER.

...HMM?

Lately,  
I've realized  
that...

Just look  
at that  
smile...

He really  
likes his  
crafts,  
doesn't  
he?

giggle

Obviously

he's so into  
it that he's  
completely  
oblivious  
to anyone  
around him!

HUH? OH,  
I FORGOT  
YOU'RE  
STILL HERE,  
MINAMI!

SO, WHAT  
DO YOU  
THINK?

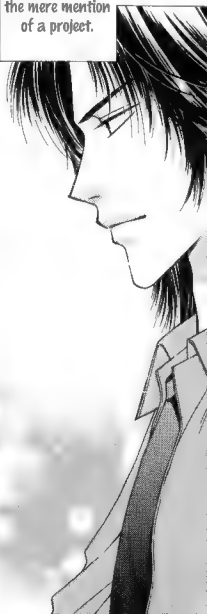
But at  
least he's  
in a good  
mood now!

SUDOU-  
SAN!

This is  
MY  
CHANCE!

Sudou-san  
really loves  
his job.

Even his  
bad mood  
could be easily  
dispensed with  
the mere mention  
of a project.



WOULD YOU  
LIKE TO GO  
TO AN ARTS  
EXHIBITION?



WHICH  
ONE?

AH,  
THIS ONE,  
THE NATIONAL  
EXHIBITION.

SHUFFLE  
SHUFFLE

SO, ARE YOU  
INTERESTED?

I'M  
SORRY!

YOU  
DIDN'T  
HAVE TO  
SHOUT  
...



I HAVE  
PREVIEW  
TICKETS FOR  
THIS ONE...

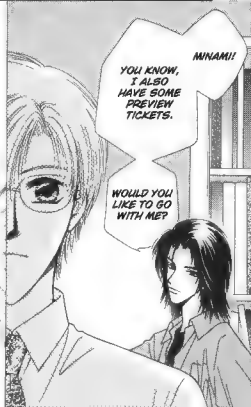
WHOA,  
ISN'T THIS  
A ROMANCE  
MOVIE!?

I pass!

HUH?  
I'VE  
ALSO  
SEEN  
THAT  
ONE.

OH, THEN  
HOW ABOUT  
THIS ONE?

AH, SORRY,  
I'VE ALREADY  
SEEN IT.



I'M GOING  
NOW!

THEN, THAT'S  
ALL FOR  
TODAY!

This unidentified  
throbbing still  
continues...

the  
reason  
for this  
feeling.



...but today,  
I feel like  
I know

I HOPE  
YOU HAVE  
A GOOD  
TIME...

A BLOODY,  
PSYCHO  
HORROR!

THAT  
PREVIEW  
IS...

HUH?

SUDOU-  
SAN.

OH,  
I WILL!



**END**



**OMAKE: A PRANK SHOULD BE WITHIN LIMIT**





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CONGRATU-  
LATIONS!

ER!?  
THAT'S  
AMAZING!

Sudou-san  
has won the  
award!

Thank  
you!

Anyway,  
I'm throwing  
a drinking party  
here at the office  
to celebrate and  
to thank all the  
staff for their  
hard work.

WOW,  
THANKS  
FOR THE  
INVITE! I'LL  
DEFINITELY  
COME!

It starts  
at 7 pm.

I was  
wondering  
if you  
would  
like join  
us!

AH...

6

People here  
will just  
drinking till  
they drop  
anyway.

No big  
deal.

oops!

I forgot  
I have to  
submit a  
report today!

I'M  
SORRY,  
I MIGHT  
BE LATE  
A BIT...

What's  
wrong?

So don't  
worry too  
much, just  
get here  
when you  
can.

Maybe This Is Fate's Prank  
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I can't wait  
to see him and  
congratulate  
him properly!

I must  
hurry and  
finish this  
work!

He has so  
much work  
that he  
lost it!

♪ Him mm mm ~  
♪ Did he  
finally  
snap?

And that  
was indeed  
a really  
brilliant  
design ~

As I  
thought,  
Sudou-san  
is simply  
amazing!

Amazing,  
amazing!

This is SO  
amazing!

So I can  
congratulate  
him —

GOOD  
EVENING!

**&PD**  
& Product design

MINAMI!

SORRY,  
I'M LATE!





BUT I'M  
GLAD TO  
RECEIVE  
THIS.

SHEESH,  
ENOUGH  
OF THAT  
BUSINESS  
SPEECH.

EVEN WITH  
IMPOSSIBLE  
DEADLINES.

YOU'VE  
ALWAYS  
DONE AN  
EXCEPTIONAL  
JOB

OH NO  
...  
NO  
TROUBLE  
AT ALL.

I feel so  
shy all of  
a sudden...



UWWW

THANK  
YOU!

HELP  
YOURSELF  
WITH WHAT-  
EVER YOU  
WANT TO  
EAT OR DRINK.

MINAMI-KUN,  
BE SURE  
TO ENJOY  
YOURSELF.



I  
REMEMBER  
IT CLEARLY! YES!

REMEMBER  
THIS ONE  
WHEN YOU  
FIRST  
JOINED THE  
COMPANY?



ARE  
THOSE  
...

YEAH...  
THEY GOT  
ME THE  
AWARD.

I put them  
together as  
a complete  
set.



ER...  
I MEAN...  
THEY ARE  
EXCELLENT  
DESIGNS...

LOVE,  
HUH?

OH  
YEAH!  
SOOO  
IN LOVE!



WEREN'T YOU  
OBSESSED  
WITH THEM  
BACK THEN?



Sometimes  
I wonder...

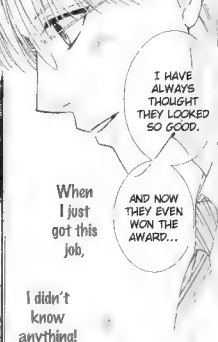
if he  
realized  
my one-  
sided  
feelings

When he  
talks like  
this,

I can't  
tell if he's  
teasing  
me...

HEY,  
MINAMI-  
KUN

WHAT  
WOULD YOU  
LIKE TO  
DRINK—?



I HAVE  
ALWAYS  
THOUGHT  
THEY LOOKED  
SO GOOD.

When  
I just  
got this  
job,

AND NOW  
THEY EVEN  
WON THE  
AWARD...

I didn't  
know  
anything!



He was  
so kind  
to me

that I fell  
in love—





Wah—  
SUGITA-  
SAN,  
YOU'RE  
DRINK!

ARE  
REALLY  
GOOD.

HERE,  
DRINK  
UP!



CHUG  
CHUG

THIS IS  
REALLY  
GOOD!

AH,

I'm happy  
with the  
way  
things  
are.



SUGITA-  
SAN.

AND THE  
WINES

THEY ARE  
FROM THE  
FOOD  
CATERING  
SERVICE.



THEN LET'S  
HAVE ONE  
MORE!

Bottoms  
up!

I'M  
USED TO  
DRINKING  
A LOT  
BECAUSE  
OF BUSINESS  
MEETINGS!

OH,  
I'M  
FINE!

OH,  
WATCH IT!  
YOU'RE  
DRINKING  
TOO  
FAST!  
  
YOU SURE  
YOU'LL  
BE ALL  
RIGHT?

This wine is  
so good!

In fact,  
I think  
everything  
is amazingly  
good—

CHEERS—!

I feel  
wonderful—

I'm so glad  
to enjoy such  
good wine!

All my  
exhaustion

and  
weariness

disappear  
into thin air.





GET  
BACK TO  
SLEEP.

GRAB

IT'S  
NOT  
MORNING  
YET,

AH...  
EXCUSE  
ME...



I didn't  
realize...

I can't  
get back to  
sleep~~~

...the  
sofa bed  
is really  
narrow!

MINAMI...

YOU  
ASLEEP  
YET?



What  
should  
I-do...?









UHM ...

OKAY ...

OF COURSE, YOU DO!

BECAUSE I LOVE YOU, TOO!

**BLUNTLY**

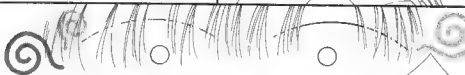


...HE KNEW ~~~!?

**CREST FALLEN**

...CAN I TAKE THAT AS A YES?

Let me help you make it clear



UHM ...

EH...

**EHHHHHH**  
—!?

WELL, HOWEVER,

unbutton  
unbutton

IT'S A MYSTERY EVEN TO ME, WHY I HAVEN'T TOUCHED YOU YET.

OH... SUCH AN ENTICING FACE!



WHEN  
YOU'RE  
SO CUTE,

I JUST  
COULDN'T  
HELP IT.



I  
couldn't  
believe  
this!



MINAMI  
...

X JOLT





AND...  
IT'S ALSO...  
MY FIRST  
TIME.

BECAUSE  
THIS IS...

SO  
SUDDEN  
....

Giggle  
YOU  
LOOK SO  
STUNNED  
...



Wobble

ER...

EH!?

YOU'RE  
S...STIRRING  
ME UP  
WITH YOUR  
INNOCENCE

...WAH,  
I CAN'T  
TAKE IT!



THIS  
KIND OF  
CUTENESS

SHOULD BE  
OUTLAWED!

I REALLY  
HAVE TO  
MAKE YOU  
MINE RIGHT  
NOW!

Nnnn!

It's  
unbelievable,  
but...

277

SUBOU-  
SAN

I...  
LOVE  
YOU—

LOVE YOU  
SO MUCH





However,

Really ...

You wake  
up way  
too early!



!!

It seems  
that I've  
been too  
easy on you  
last night.

Geez, this is  
the worst and  
I was planning  
on sleeping  
in for one  
more hour.

I'm...  
SORRY!

for a  
moment,  
I wonder

maybe  
this is  
fate's  
prank

YOU'D  
BETTER BE  
PREPARED  
NEXT TIME.

FOR NOW,  
LET'S FIX THE  
MOOD WITH  
A KISS!

Shall we?

END



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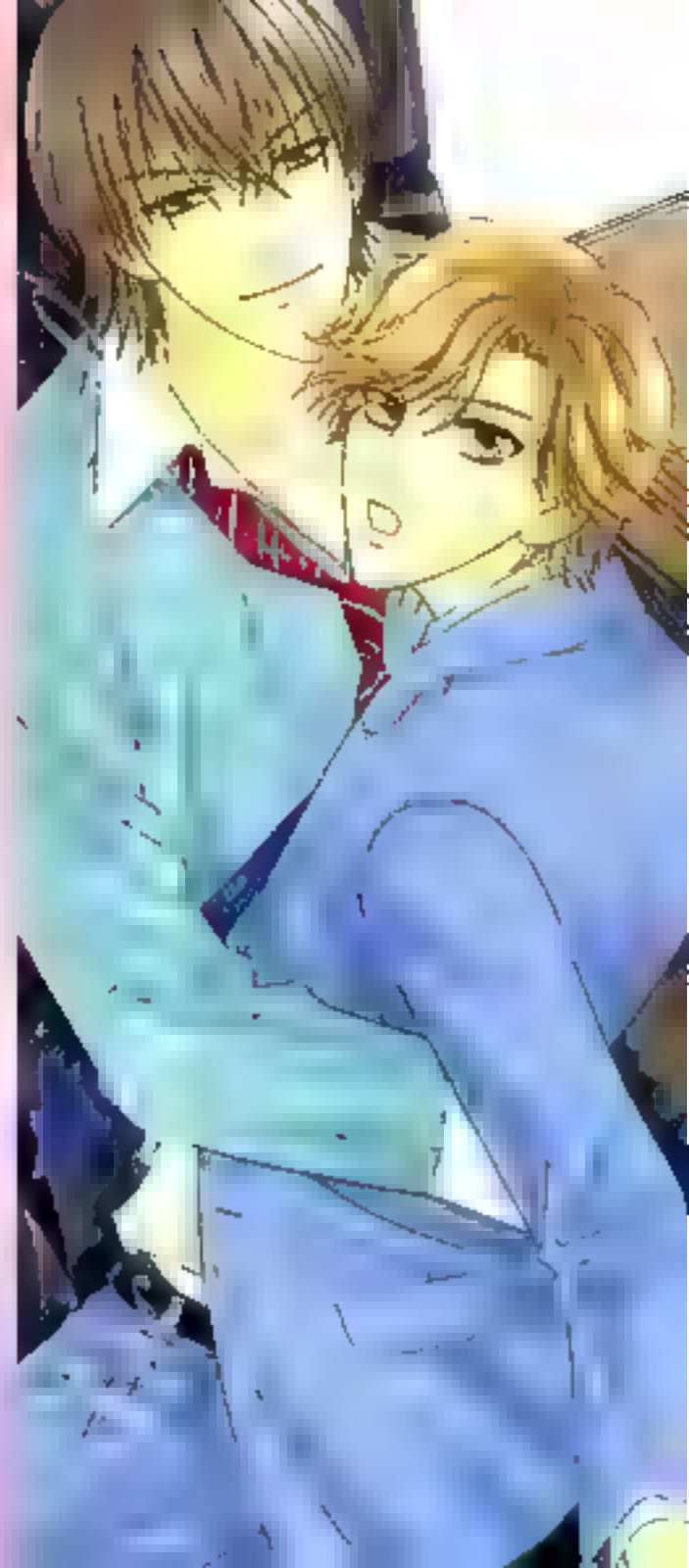
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# A Summer Day

The last day  
of summer of  
my third year  
in high school,

I confessed  
to my childhood  
friend.

under  
extremely  
hot weather,

I LOVE  
YOU!



Buzz—

Buzz—

Buzz—

OH...

ME, TOO!



THEN, FROM  
NOW ON,

Buzz—

Buzz—

Buzz—

WE'RE  
LOVERS!

—  
OKAY!





Amidst  
the boiling  
and languid  
heat,

we became  
a couple.

*A Summer Day*





OH MY,  
THANK YOU!  
TAKAAKI IS  
IN HIS ROOM,  
JUST GO ON  
UPSTAIRS.

OH, HERE  
ARE SOME  
TOMATOES  
PICKED FROM  
OUR GARDEN.

OH MY,  
COME IN,  
TOSHINORI-  
KUN!

GOOD  
MORNING!

IS  
TAKAAKI  
IN?

SORRY TO  
INTRUDE.



TAKAAKI,  
I'M COMING  
IN.

*knock  
knock*

**KCHAK**



YOH...

STEAMY

I CAN'T, IT'S  
BROKEN. WE  
TOOK IT TO  
THE REPAIR  
SHOP TO  
GET IT FIX.

WHY DON'T  
YOU TURN  
ON THE AIR  
CONDITION?

WHAT'S  
WITH THIS  
HEAT?



WAH,  
THE ICE  
CREAM  
IS ALL  
MELTED!

ABOUT  
2 TO  
3 DAYS  
...



WHEN WILL  
IT BE BACK  
FROM  
REPAIRS?

DAMN,  
IT'S LIKE  
A SUANA  
IN HERE!

IF YOU  
SAY SO.

IT'S SO  
COOLING  
IN THIS  
HOT DAY!

NAH, I'LL JUST  
PRETEND I'M  
EATING FROZEN  
YOGURT.

WANNA  
PUT IT BACK  
IN THE  
FRIDGE  
FOR  
AWHILE?

Buzz—

Buzz—

Buzz—

YOU  
KNOW...





NOTHING HAS  
REALLY CHANGED  
BETWEEN US,  
HAS IT?



HOW  
ABOUT  
THIS...

...YOU  
THINK  
SO?

THAT'S  
BECAUSE  
WE'RE  
ALWAYS  
TOGETHER.

UH-HUH!



.....

MAN, AND  
I THOUGHT  
YOU WOULD  
GET EXCITED!

IS IT BECAUSE  
OF THE HEAT...  
THAT YOU CAN'T  
GET IT UP?

You turned  
Impotence?

☆ YOU  
☆ IDIOT! ☆

OH, IS  
THAT SO?  
WELL, IT  
DOES A LOT  
TO ME!

REALLY?

Not because  
of the heat  
but timing

THAT KISS  
DOES  
NOTHING

IF  
I'M NOT  
IN THE  
MOOD!



SINCE IT *IS*  
MY FIRST  
KISS!

Ahaha

WE'RE A  
COUPLE OF LATE  
BLOOMERS,  
AREN'T  
WE?

TRUTH  
BE TOLD,  
IT WAS MY  
FIRST, TOO!

UH-HUH!

OH  
YEAH  
...?



Buzz—

ANYHOW,

DAMN,  
IT'S STILL  
SO HOT!

Buzz—

Buzz—

Buzz—

Buzz—

NOT  
GONNA  
HAPPEN!  
MY OLDER  
BROTHER  
AND  
SISTER ARE  
BOTH HOME.  
WE WON'T  
HAVE  
PRIVACY

HOW ABOUT  
YOUR ROOM?

We can  
really have  
some fun  
there!

WELL,  
THAT SUCKS!  
ESPECIALLY NOW  
THAT BOTH OF US  
ARE FINALLY  
IN THE MOOD!

SHOULD WE  
MOVE TO THE  
LIVING ROOM?  
GOTTA WARN  
YOU MY MOM  
WILL BE THERE.

HMM

YOU GOT  
THAT RIGHT  
...

So hot

AND THIS  
HEAT  
IS NOT  
HELPING  
EITHER.

HIGH  
SCHOOL  
ROMANCE  
IS REALLY  
TRYING!

AH...

SNOOSH

SWOOSH

AAAW,  
A BREEZE





...I THOUGHT  
YOU'RE NOT  
IN THE MOOD?



SHUT  
UP!





That was  
one hot  
summer  
day...

**END**



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Autumn,  
the season of  
clear, vibrant  
sky —

## *A Place for Tomorrow*





THIS SUMMER  
DURING OUR FIRST  
TIME, EVEN AFTER  
THE NOVELTY OF  
OUR CONFESSION,  
6 WE JUST BARELY  
MANAGED IT.

Now we're  
back to  
square  
one.  
6

FOR SOME  
REASON  
WE JUST  
COULDN'T DO  
H-STUFF THE  
SECOND TIME!

HMPH—  
ANOTHER  
FAILED  
ATTEMPT  
6

Be it  
as it may  
|

I refuse  
to accept  
6 it

IT'S HARD  
TO BE  
OTHERWISE.

IT CAN'T  
BE HELPED,  
SINCE WE'RE  
SO USED TO  
SEEING EACH  
OTHER AS  
CHILDHOOD  
FRIENDS.

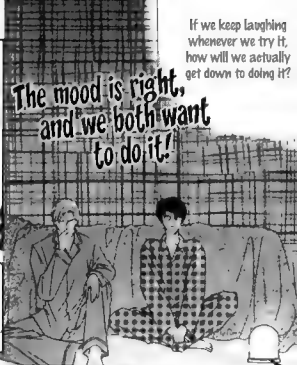
Easier  
said  
than  
done—

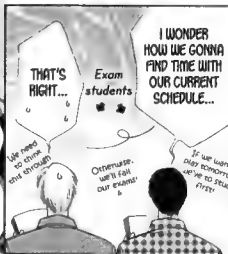
TAKAAKI,  
YOU GOTTA  
THINK OF  
SOMETHING!

WELL, IT'S  
DEFINITELY  
NOT BECAUSE  
OF THE LACK  
OF MOOD!

If we keep laughing  
whenever we try it,  
how will we actually  
get down to doing it?

The mood is right,  
and we both want  
to do it!







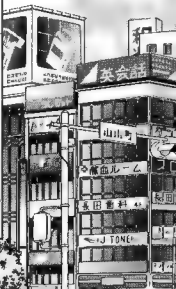


SO WHAT  
SHOULD  
WE DO  
NEXT?

HOW ABOUT  
WE CATCH  
A MOVIE?

HMM,  
THERE'S NO  
GOOD MOVIE  
OUT I  
WANT TO  
SEE.

I won't even  
wanna watch  
these on rental!



And dates  
are for getting  
to know each  
other.

Well, we  
are already  
used to each  
other.

actually  
a pretty  
**BORING**  
guy!

Truth be  
told, we  
can't seem  
to agree on  
anything  
today.

I know  
I'm being  
pessimistic.

"Lovers..."

but  
I can't  
help it!

This is such  
a delicate  
situation.

We can't seem  
to make progress  
toward our new  
relationship as  
**LOVERS.**

as a  
couple—?

we could just  
go back to the  
way it was  
when we just  
laugh about  
everything.

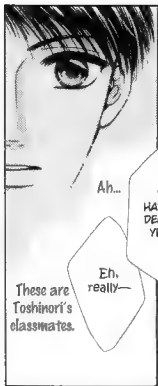
Sometimes,  
I wish

I have  
no clue  
what I  
should  
do...

What  
should  
we do

Ah!





These are  
Toshinori's  
classmates.

Ah...

WE  
HAVEN'T  
DECIDED  
YET...

Eh,  
really—



Are you  
out shopping  
or watching  
a movie?

...  
HM?

If it isn't  
Tanabe-kun!

Kya!

Tanabe  
Toshinori

soft bodies,

and are  
naturally

cute.

—  
All of  
which,

Not to  
mention,  
they're  
girls...

with slender  
shoulders and  
small hands,





if only  
I had such  
loveliness.

it must  
be nice

It's not  
that I want  
to be a girl,  
but



He wouldn't  
have busted  
out laughing  
yesterday.

And things  
would have  
gone smoothly.



EH!?

ER,  
WHAT?

PANIC

GEEZ...



TAKAAKI!

MOOOOM

Why  
am I  
thinking  
like  
this?

I'm  
done  
for!

GASP



I don't  
possess at  
all—



THIS GUY  
HAS BEEN  
OUT OF IT  
MORE THAN  
USUAL.

THESE GIRLS  
ARE ASKING  
US TO JOIN  
THEM FOR  
KARAOKE.

WE HAVE  
TO PASS  
TODAY.

SORRY.

ER...

You  
can come,  
right—



GASP

But you'll  
definitely  
come with  
us next  
time, right?

Awww!



Oh...

I've got  
to talk to  
Toshinori...

HUH?

What's  
wrong  
with me?

Why am I  
so hang up  
on such trivial  
stuff like this?





NOT IN  
THE WAY  
YOU THINK!

?

What  
way?

I WAS  
STARING  
AT THEM  
BUT

What?



Don't tell  
me he got  
jealous?

TOSHI-  
NORI!!



YOU WOULD  
BE MORE  
INTERESTED  
IN ME—

I guess

...

YOU SEE,  
I WAS  
THINKING

IF I WERE  
A CUTE  
GIRL LIKE  
THEM,

...I have  
to explain  
myself  
better.

I HAVE ZERO  
EXPERIENCE!  
I DON'T KNOW  
HOW TO BE  
SEDUCTIVE,  
NOR DO I HAVE  
ANY CHARM  
TO SPEAK OF!

THINK  
ABOUT  
IT!

?

Are  
you  
nuts?

...What  
are you  
talking  
about?

Huh?

ARE YOU  
AN IDIOT!?



An  
idiot?

...EH?

I may be nice  
to them, but  
I don't feel  
any attraction  
to them!

Geez,  
don't scare  
me like that,  
you got it  
all wrong!

IF THIS  
GOES  
ON,

YOU WON'T  
EVEN SMILE  
AT ME  
ANYMORE!

SOON,





YESTERDAY,  
I WAS JUST  
BEING SHY...

BUT... BUT  
YESTERDAY  
...

I KNOW  
I'M THE  
ONE WHO  
CONFESSED  
TO YOU,

EH?  
He  
was  
shy?

BUT  
SOMEHOW  
I'M FEELING  
A BIT EMBAR-  
RASSED!

Toshinori...

Then...

I'M  
SORRY  
...



THE ONLY  
ONE I FEEL  
ATTRACTED  
TO...

...IS  
YOU!

So  
that's  
it...!

And will  
you quit  
saying  
"Failure"?

STOP  
with that  
already!

**TRUST ME,  
YOU'VE  
MORE THAN  
ENOUGH  
APPEAL!**

...SO  
ALL OUR  
FAILURE UP  
TILL NOW...

IS NOT  
BECAUSE  
I LACK  
APPEAL?

WE  
CAN'T  
DO IT  
BECAUSE  
I WAS  
TOO SHY!

SEE...

SO  
THAT'S  
HOW IT  
IS!

That's really  
funny.

I'm so  
glad!

I'm  
glad...

WE SHOULD  
CURE THIS  
SHYNESS  
QUICKLY,  
SHOULDN'T  
WE?  
♪

...really  
glad!

I'm not the  
only one! Hey!  
You laughed  
too at the  
same time!

YOU'RE  
RIGHT!  
I WAS  
AFFECTED  
TOO!



and  
relieved...

I'm so  
glad

...even  
though  
nothing has  
changed.

Now,  
what's so  
funny!?

I'm just  
so happy  
that

OH C'MON,  
I'M JUST  
BEING SHY

"I"

am truly  
loved—!

You're really ☆  
a mean guy,  
☆ you know  
that?



A LITTLE  
KNOWN DATE  
SPOT WHERE  
LOVERS CAN  
SPEND THEIR TIME  
AT LEISURE!

THE GUIDE  
BOOK'S NO 1  
HIGHLY  
RECOMMENDED  
PLACE!

SO...  
WHAT'S  
THIS  
PLACE?



Hmhm!  
It is  
indeed!

...IT SURE  
IS COLD  
HERE

SWOOSH



WHAT'S  
WRONG?

AH!  
HANG ON  
A SEC!

Let's  
head  
back!

Before  
we catch  
a cold!

LET'S COMME-  
MORATE THE  
OCCASION  
WITH A KISS,  
SHALL WE?

SINCE WE  
CAME ALL  
THE WAY  
HERE,



What  
are you  
talking  
...?

Huh?





...HEY...  
AREN'T YOU  
COLD?

IT  
DOESN'T  
MATTER  
...

...I'M FINE  
WHERE  
I AM!

**We did  
it!!**

YOU...

Must you  
kill the  
mood...?  
6

**AWWWWW**

YOU WEREN'T  
SHY AT ALL  
THIS TIME!

I WONDER  
WHERE  
WE'LL BE  
ON OUR  
THIRD  
TIME.

WE'RE  
TURNING  
INTO  
ANIMALS,  
AREN'T  
WE?

THE FIRST  
TIME, IT WAS  
IN MY ROOM,  
ON THE BED.  
THIS TIME IS  
OUT HERE IN  
THE OPEN.

BUT,  
SOMEHOW  
IT GOT KINDA  
COMPLICATED.

HOW?

WELL,  
ANYWHERE  
IS FINE  
WITH ME!

HUH?

We  
know  
when  
the time  
comes

Animals?  
WHO  
KNOWS  
...



Today is  
today.

Tomorrow  
is another  
day.

THEN HOW  
ABOUT IN  
THE BATH  
NEXT TIME?

ARGH!

THAT...  
PLACE  
IS...

...a bit  
too much for  
a beginner...

AS LONG AS  
IT'S YOU,  
ANYWHERE  
IS FINE.

DON'T  
YOU  
AGREE?



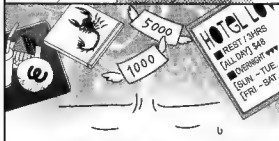
we'll  
always  
be happy!

However,  
as long as  
we're being  
ourselves,



**END**

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND ENJOY THIS WEEK'S RELEASE!

# *A Faded Episode*

...WHAT'S  
WRONG?

The rest is  
all hazy in  
my memory.

Except for  
that expression  
which is still  
recurring in  
my dreams.

the whole thing  
is a tantalizing,  
faded episode  
bathed in  
nostalgic light...

I only  
remember  
that concerned  
voice and  
face.



BLINK

# 炎の Faded Episode ロード

I KEEP  
HAVING  
IT EVERY  
TIME I'M  
EXHAUSTED!

Just  
what's  
that  
about

THAT  
DREAM  
AGAIN...

Alright!

Time to  
switch  
mode!

LET'S  
GO!

GOOD  
MORNING,  
LORD  
WILLARD!

# AM

GOOD  
MORNING  
TO YOU,

CAPTAIN  
JALEN!

IT'S  
TIME TO  
WAKE  
UP!

This  
person  
is

a descendant  
of the royal  
family, Count  
Willard  
Fleischer.

And  
also, my  
master



I HAVE TO  
WORK OVER  
BREAKFAST?  
CAN'T I AT  
LEAST START  
MY DAY WITH  
LEISURE...

Be sure  
to look this  
over before  
then!

PLEASE  
HURRY AND  
GET READY!

YOU HAVE A  
BREAKFAST  
MEETING  
WITH THE  
TREASURER.

ER...  
WELL  
...

THOUGH, MAY  
I REMIND YOU,  
WHOSE FAULT  
IT WAS THAT  
WE HAVE TO  
WORK THIS  
HARD SO  
EARLY  
MORNING?

Ha  
ha  
ha  
ha

WELL,  
OF COURSE,  
ALL OF US  
LOVE THAT,  
TOO!

☆ Who  
wouldn't?

Really now?

THEN, WHY DON'T YOU ENLIGHTEN ME AS TO WHAT THIS VERY IMPORTANT BUSINESS WAS?

EVEN THOUGH, IN MY DEFENSE, I WAS ALSO ENGAGED IN SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT ...

I'VE REFLECTED ON MY ACTIONS ...

YOU DECIDED TO IGNORE YOUR DUTIES FOR 10 DAYS WHILE I WAS GONE!

THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!

flinch

I HAVEN'T BEEN TOLD EXACTLY WHAT HAD TAKEN UP ALL YOUR TIME.

BUT I'M SURE THAT MUST'VE BEEN SOME MAGNIFICENT BUSINESS, WASN'T IT?

Anem!

JAB!

I just dug my own grave ..

It's a  
s-e-c-r-e-t!



I'll take my leave!

The meeting will start in 30 minutes.

BE SURE TO CRAM ALL THESE INFO INTO YOUR HEAD!

IF YOU REFLECTED ON YOUR ACTIONS THEN AT LEAST ACT LIKE YOU MEAN IT!

CHILL



Good grief,  
that lord  
~~~~!

I couldn't  
think of  
any good  
reason!

Why did  
I choose such  
a man to be  
my lord?

"Something  
important"  
!?

This  
must be my  
greatest  
mistake!

SA-SUE

PAT

How can  
he be so  
happy  
after  
causing  
trouble to  
everyone?

OH, IT'S  
NOTHING!

DON'T MIND  
ME. HOW  
ABOUT YOU?  
YOU'RE  
LOOKING  
MORE TIRED  
THAN  
USUAL.

YO, WHY ARE  
YOU ALREADY  
LETTING OUT  
SUCH A BIG  
SIGH SO EARLY  
MORNING?

KARL!



DON'T  
PUSH  
YOUR-  
SELF!

JALEN,

I'LL TAKE  
THESE  
DOCUMENTS.

Please  
excuse me

YOU'RE  
TIRED, WHY  
DON'T YOU  
HAVE A BRIEF  
REST.

You're  
looking pale.

OH NO,  
REALLY,  
I'M FINE!

How can I  
when I'm still  
in the middle  
of work?

CASP

UH,  
YES?

AND THESE  
WERE THE  
REJECTS

JALEN?

...

I must  
pull myself  
together!

I can't  
slow down  
there

Since

he didn't  
even complain  
one word,

WHEN HE  
FEELS LIKE IT,  
LORD WILLARD  
IS AMAZINGLY  
PRODUCTIVE!

I'm so  
surprised!

out of  
your  
master!

You're  
making  
a slave

Checkle  
WELL, WE  
REALLY  
DIDN'T NEED  
TO PULL ANY  
ALL-NIGHTER!

NOW, NO ONE  
WILL SCOLD  
US!

THANK GOD!  
THAT WAS  
REALLY  
TOUGH!

FINALLY!  
WE MANAGE  
TO CATCH UP  
WITH ALL THE  
WORK!

ACTUALLY,  
I THINK  
VERY HIGHLY  
OF HIM!

HUH?

EFFICIENT,  
AND AN  
EFFECTIVE  
LEADER!

HARD-  
WORKING,  
SINCERE,

LORD  
WILLARD

IS  
REGAL.

since long ago  
he has always  
shown leadership!

Indeed,

That  
wasn't  
what he  
said earlier!

HE'S NO WAY  
ANYONE'S  
IDiotic  
LORD—

He must've  
had a change  
of heart!

That's  
his worst  
flaw!

GRIND

That is,  
"when he  
feels like it!"

RUSTLE

Lord Willard  
must be  
tired as well!

I'll make  
us some  
tea

EXCUSE  
ME!

I, too, have  
since revised  
my opinion  
of him.

I'm feeling  
a bit  
sluggish.

THESE ARE  
THE LAST  
ONES....

I must  
be really  
over-  
worked.





I JUST WANT A CHANGE OF PACE.

sullen



WHAT WERE YOU DOING IN THE MIDDLE OF WORK?

Not only did you skip work for 10 days, you also injured yourself. What's that all about?



OW  
OW  
OW  
OW

YOU SURE CAN TALK BIG EVEN WITH THOSE TATTERED HANDS?



ME? WHAT ABOUT ME?

LOOK AT YOURSELF!

YOU SHOULD TALK!

WORRIED?



Ah... It's because I didn't have enough sleep.

—Huh? Myself?

YOU ALWAYS NEGLECT YOUR OWN HEALTH—

YOU'RE TURNING GREEN!

AND MAKING EVERYONE WORRIED!

Huh?

DIZZY



GRRR

Are you kidding me!?

Tell me the truth, right now!

I already told you. It's a secret!

PLEASE CALM DOWN, JALEN!

ARE YOU SO PROUD OF MAKING EVERYONE WORRIED!?



Ah

That  
dream  
again!



Huh?

Lord  
Willard  
looks so  
worried!

There's  
something  
else!

I was at last  
too late when  
I finally realized  
I push myself  
too hard

JALEN  
!?



Aaah...



Today,

he looks so  
intense—

**BOLT**

**EHH!?**

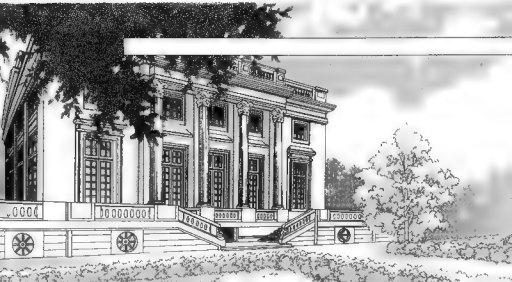
Eeeeh~

**LIP**



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No  
wonders



I CAN'T  
SETTLE  
DOWN...

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This is all  
your fault,  
Lord Willard.

I'm used  
to being  
a busy.

Thanks  
to you!

I've fully  
recovered  
from my  
fatigue.

shut

flutter  
flutter

so I should  
be enjoying  
the rest of  
the week,  
yet...

Please  
go for  
a walk  
to clear  
your  
mind!

For some  
reason,  
you're  
really on  
edge!

There  
you go  
again!

mom?

OH...  
WHAT  
ARE YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT,

THUMP

This place keeps  
reminding me  
of that dream...

...YOU JUST  
CAN'T CALM  
DOWN, CAN  
YOU, JALEN?

SINCE  
YOU'RE  
SO FOND  
OF THOSE  
WATER  
DRAGONS.

HOW  
ABOUT  
THE EAST  
POND?

A  
walk?  
Huh?

Just  
go!

It's  
fine  
...

What a  
heartless  
man you  
are!

I'm fond  
of water  
dragons?

...WHO?  
ME?

The person  
who's fond of  
water dragons

isn't  
me

AH  
...



Speaking  
of which  
...

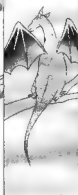
it  
wasn't  
me...

Water  
dragons...  
huh?

THE EAST  
POND, HOW  
NOSTALGIC  
...

RUSTLE

Now I  
remember!





revolving  
around  
Lord Willard!

...Year  
after  
year!

When  
I think  
about  
it—

my whole  
world has  
been

That's why  
I took such  
good care  
of them.

That's  
right...

whenever  
Lord Willard  
came over here  
to play, he was  
so delighted  
to see those  
water dragons.



Totally  
flustered

That's why  
I keep dreaming  
about him.

POPP

kiss

And now,  
I work for him.  
Even after work,  
we hang out  
together!

RUSTLE

OH,  
JALEN!

I'M GLAD  
TO SEE YOU  
UP AND  
ABOUT!

You  
look  
well!!

...  
LORD  
WILLARD  
!?

No  
wonder,

I don't know  
what to do by  
myself

Palms  
up!

HOLD OUT  
YOUR  
HANDS,  
JALEN!

I'VE  
SOMETHING  
FOR YOU.

HUH? MY  
HANDS?

WHY  
ARE YOU  
HERE...?



I see...

He did this for me that's why he wanted to keep it a secret.

HEY, THIS SPHERE IS ENGRAVED BY HAND  
SO THAT'S HOW YOU INJURED YOUR HANDS!

That's right!  
I CUT MYSELF WHILE WORKING ON IT.

YOU KNOW, IF YOU HOLD THAT SPHERE UP TO THE LIGHT THEN SHAKE IT...

I WANTED TO KEEP IT A SECRET SO I WAS REALLY AFRAID THAT YOU'D FIND OUT FROM THOSE INJURIES.

YOU KNOW IF YOU DON'T CHERISH LIFE,

YOU'LL BE DOOMED FOR AN UNHAPPY ONE!

...HOW GENEROUS OF YOU!

...DON'T TELL ME YOU FORGOT? HOW HEARTLESS OF YOU!

You just wanna have fun!

PISSED



Glow

HOW  
BEAUTIFUL

W...  
WHOA!

IT'S  
JUST LIKE  
FALLING  
CHERRY  
BLOSSOMS!





I WAS  
REALLY  
WORRIED  
ABOUT  
YOU!

LIKE YOU  
DID BEFORE  
THE BREAK!

...I-IS  
THAT  
RIGHT  
?

YOU'RE  
ALWAYS  
LAUGHING,  
GETTING MAD,  
OR BUSY  
WORKING.

YOU'RE ONLY  
QUIET WHEN  
EXHAUSTED,

You're  
really  
better  
now!

...**FINALLY,**  
**I SEE**  
**YOUR**  
**SMILE.**

HUH?



WITH HUGE  
DARK CIRCLES  
UNDER YOUR  
EYES UNTIL  
YOU FINALLY  
COLLAPSED!

YOU WERE  
LOOKING  
WORSE  
EVERYDAY

YOU  
SHOULD BE  
ASHAMED OF  
YOURSELF!



ER...

WHAT  
"HEARTTHROB"  
SMILE...?

AT LEAST,  
I GOT TO  
SEE THAT  
HEARTTHROB  
SMILE.

Oh,  
a water  
dragon

OH,

...FROM  
THE FIRST  
TIME WE  
MET?

Don't you  
remember

I'M  
SORRY!

That's right!

That was the time when I had to enter the Royal Academy which I didn't want to go..

WHAT'S WRONG?

I was devastated so I hid and cried.

crying ?

THEREFORE, WHEN I SEE THAT SMILE, I KNOW YOU'LL BE ALRIGHT.

AND THEN, AFTER THAT HEARTTHROB SMILE, YOU WERE BACK TO YOUR ENERGETIC SELF.

Ah...

Now, I remember

WHEN I FIRST SAW YOU, YOU WERE CRYING.

Lord Willard!

NOTHING... I'M FINE

I HEARD YOU CRYING

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

AREN'T THEY BEAUTIFUL PLUMES!

I had a hard time picking them since they grow on tall trees

AND THEY'RE REALLY YUMMY, WANNA TRY?

THEY GROW DEEP IN THE FOREST!

Fruit

REALLY ?

AH! HERE, FOR YOU!

GRAB IT

...ORD WILLARD?

Eh?

He really did  
sit by me  
quietly the  
whole time.

After that  
awkward  
smile—

smile

CAN I  
STAY  
HERE?

AH, SORRY.  
I'LL BE  
QUIET NOW.  
SO...

It was  
about how  
we met—

The face that  
I've been seeing  
in my dreams  
was him!

OUCH  
...  
THAT  
REALLY  
HURTS!

WELL, IT  
HAS BEEN  
A LONG  
TIME...

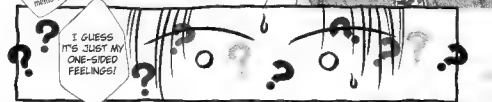
But at least  
I remember  
now!

DID YOU  
FORGET  
ABOUT  
OUR FIRST  
ENCOUNTER?

You don't  
even remember  
it happened.

...I WAS  
WONDER-  
ING  
ABOUT  
THAT,

JALEN,





YOU  
WOULD  
NEVER  
FORGET!

THIS  
TIME  
...

FOR  
SURE



I... don't  
believe  
it!



What...  
what  
are you  
thinking?

~YAWN~

NOW...  
I CAN  
RELAX...  
I'M SLEEPY

Wake  
me up  
later

HUH!?

Hey,  
water

How could  
he make  
such an  
explosive  
confession.

then falls  
asleep so  
easily like  
nothing  
happened!



That's  
why—

I smiled  
back to  
him.

From  
that day  
onward,

THAT  
WAS  
ALSO

"MY FATEFUL  
ENCOUNTER!"

Yet, he gave  
me that  
heartthrob  
smile!



Lord  
Willard...

had caught  
me at my  
lowest  
moment.

glance



Now, there's  
one more  
thing I  
remember.

The reason  
that I could  
smile back  
then...

HE BECAME  
THE CENTER OF  
MY WORLD!

AND  
ALWAYS WILL  
BE—...

**END**

# Afterword

This is my  
2nd tankoubon.  
Yes! I am really  
happy  
♡



Nice to  
meet you  
& good days!

I'm Midori  
Nishioji

...or  
white  
...?

Is this  
yellow...

This time again, there  
are both modern and  
old backgrounds (great!)

After looking at my  
manuscript for a long time,  
I was surprised when I realized  
that it has so many meanings!

Editing

- There was  
even a historical  
theme (laugh!)

If you could enjoy  
this book, that would  
be my greatest  
happiness!

HP

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